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1. Ajoy Kumar Ghosh, newly elected General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (CPI) is about 50 years old, tall, wiry, and is dark-complexioned. He has a prominent nose, thick hair, a longish face, and small eyes. Ghosh appears to be rough and unrefined, is very active and mercurial. He speaks fluent Urdu and has a knack of disguising himself as a Muslim worker.
2. Ghosh joined the CPI in 1926 or 1927 when he lived in the United Provinces and the Punjab. In 1928 he was implicated in the Lahore conspiracy case and was imprisoned for five years. On his release in 1933, he concentrated his activities in the All India Trade Union Congress. He organized the textile mill strike in Cawnpore in 1936-37. During the war, he was nominated to the Politburo. Together with S. A. Dange and G. V. Adhikari, he was arrested in 1949 at Bombay. During his detention, Ghosh and Dange decided to break away from the Ranadive program and since then Ghosh has been closely associated with Dange. Ghosh is a favorite of the British Communist Party leaders, R. Palme Dutt and Harry Pollitt.

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